PARDE): (a) 15 (fifteen) full blown cases of AIDS have so far been reported in India and 56970 persons amongst the high risk groups have been screened for AIDS infection upto the end of 15.10 87 of which 145 have been confirmed to have AIDS infection.

(b) Certain sections of the society such as foreigners, people suffering from sexually transmitted diseass, drug addicts, prostitutes etc. belonging to the high risk category, are subjected to AIDS Test.

(c) Details of the 15 cases are as under:—

Indian National	—	9	(including one female)
Non-resident Indian from U.S.A.	—	1	
Foreigners	—	5	

Out of the 9 Indian Nationals, all had succumbed to the disease except one who is presently under treatment. The non-resident Indian has gone back to U.S.A. Out of the 5 foreigners 3 have gone back to their countries, 1 has died and the remaining one is under deportation.

As no specific treatment is available, the cases are treated with supportive and symptomatic therapy with appropriate chemotherapeutics aents and antibiotics.

DTC bus routes from Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

493. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that Delhi Transport Corporation (D.T.C.) has given a number of new bus routes to various colonies of Delhi/New Delhi during the last one year;

(b) whether government are aware that in spite of large scale new allotments of government flats in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, neither any new bus routes has been sanctioned nor frequency for any bus route has been improved so far by the D.T.C.;

(c) whether it is a fact that new bus route from Vasant Vihar, is available till date for Okhla, Lajpatnagar, Jheel Krishnanagar, Noida, Punjabi Bagh, Tilak Nagar, Janakpuri, Uttam Nagar etc.; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when government propose to start some more D.T.C. Bus route in that areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes.

(b) Loading surveys carried out by Delhi Transport Corporation from time to time revealed that the existing services are adequately meeting the transport requirements of the commuters of Vasant Vihar.

(c) Due to various operational constraints it is not possible for the Corporation to connect each and every colony with direct bus services. Commuters are advised to avail of change-over facilities available at points like R.K. Puram and Dhaula Kuan.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Expansion and modernisation of Vayudoot

494. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand and modernise the Vayudoot services and make it an independent organisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to